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1. IN INTERVIEW PRINTED IN ATHENS' AKROPOLIS ON JULY 15,
EDEK LEADER DR. VASOS LYSSARIDES MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
RE GUERRILLAS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS:

A. SOM TURK CYPRIOTS ARE ORGANIZING
FOR " RESISTANCE" AGAINST THE TURKISH MAINLAND TROOPS
WHOM THEY REGARD AS AZAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION."

B. DENKTASH AND THE TFSC HAS ALREADY
EXECUTED EIGHT OF THESE "TURKISH CYPRIOT PATRIOTS."

C. THESE GROUPS ARE NOT YET
ENGAGING IN ARMED ACTION "AS THIS IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR
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THE TIME BEING."

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO INFO WHICH WOULD CONFIRM
LYSSARIDES' STATEMENTS THAT RESISTANCE GROUPS ARE FORMING
IN THE NORTH AND THAT THE TFSC HAS EXECUTED EIGHT MEMBERS.
WE CONSIDER THIS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. WHILE THERE
IS SOME POLITICAL DISCONTENT IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, THERE IS
NO INDICATION THAT THIS IS DIRECTED TOWARDS ANY
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH GREEKS. IN FACT, LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
SUGGEST STRENGTHENING OF GROUP OPPOSED TO ANY CONCESSIONS
IN INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. END COMMENT.
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